

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
GOVERNORS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 1989, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
THE CLOSED SESSION, IN ROOM GM 407-1, SGW CAMPUS

Attendance: Present: Me A. Gervais, Chairman, Mr. B. Aune, Ms. L. Brodrick, Ms. M. Donaldson, Mr. M. J. Bourgault, Mr. J. N. Economides, Mr. L. Ellen, Dr. T. Fancott, Mr. J. R. Firth, Prof. S. Friedland, Mr. R. K. Groome, Mr. P. Ivanier, Dr. P. Kenniff, Mr. F. Knowles, Mr. R. Lawless, Mr. C. Leclaire, Mr. D. McNinch, Mr. A. H. Michell, Me M. Vennat, Ms. S. Woods, Mr. N. Woollard.

Officers of the University: Dr. M. Cohen, Dr. C. Giguère, Me B. Gaudet

Absent: Mr. A. Amini, Dr. J. Bhatnagar, Mme M. J. Drouin, Chief Justice A. B. Gold, Dr. H. Habib, Mr. T. Hecht, Dr. M. Kusy, Mr. A. Madsen, Sister E. McIlwaine, Ms. S. McLeod, Mr. D. W. McNaughton, Me J.J. Pepper, Dr. M. Shames, Mr. J. H. Smith, Mr. W. W. Stinson, Mr. C. I. Taylor, Mr. M. Woollard.

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED AND ATTACHED TO THESE MINUTES:

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| BG-89-6-D47 | - Draft of a Deed of Servitude with respect to the Downtown Library Building |
| BG-89-6-D48 | - Official version of the Pension Plan text for the employees of Concordia University |
| BG-89-6-D49 | - Approval of various commemoratives in recognition of donations to the University |
| BG-89-6-D50 | - Resolution concerning the official designation of the Department of Journalism |
| BG-89-6-D51 | - Approval of a new organizational structure for the Institute for Cooperative Education |
| BG-89-6-D52 | - Report of the Annual Giving for the month of June 1989 |

- 1.1 The meeting was called to order at 8:50 a.m. The Chairman welcomed the students who were attending the Open Session as guests. He then read out three letters for the information of the Governors.
- 1.2 The Agenda was approved as submitted.
1. 3 It was moved and seconded (Aune, Brodrick) and unanimously RESOLVED:

R89-64 *THAT the Minutes of the Open Session of the meeting held on Wednesday, May 24, 1989, be approved.*

2. Business arising from the last Minutes

2.1 Approval of an increase in CUSA and ECA fees to be collected with respect to the Quebec Public Interest Research Group (OPIRG)

The motion was moved by Mr. N. Woollard, seconded by Mr. Leclaire.

Mr. Firth moved a motion to amend the proposed resolution by removing all the Whereas clauses so that the Board may not appear to be responsible for the legitimacy of QPIRG. Ms. Woods suggested that perhaps it would be more advisable to maintain the last WHEREAS, i.e. the one stating that QPIRG will have all its financial statements open to the student associations for inspection. After a brief discussion, Mr. Firth's amendment was carried.

A question was raised with respect to the registration date. It was suggested that the words "beginning with registration for the 1989-90 academic year" in the last paragraph were too vague, and that a precise date should be determined.

Mr. Woollard said the students would rather leave that open, leaving it to the Administration to determine which date is most suitable.

Dr. Cohen commented that the CASA resolution (re: Commerce students), adopted by the Board at the May meeting, was just as vague. He said he preferred to keep it that way to ensure more flexibility, and that he would agree with CUSA on a cut-off date that will be acceptable to both parties.

It was moved and seconded (Woollard, Leclaire) and unanimously RESOLVED:

R89-65 *THAT the Board of Governors approve an increase of twenty cents (\$0.20) per credit in the CUSA fee and in the ECA fee, beginning with registration for the 1989-90 academic year.*

3. Establishment of an Evaluation Committee for the Dean of Arts and Science

The motion was moved by Dr. Kenniff, seconded by Mr. Michell.

Dr. Fancott moved an amendment to the motion, to the effect that among the four faculty members from the Faculty of Arts and Science, one member may be a professional Librarian.

Dr. Kenniff said he regretted not having prior notice of that motion. The issue of the representation of Librarians on such Committees had been debated in Senate, but no consensus had been reached. However, since a similar suggestion was agreed to in the case of the Advisory Search Committee for Vice-Rector, Academic, Dr. Kenniff proposed the use of terms quite similar to those adopted in the resolution for the said Advisory Search Committee, with the understanding that the wording in the final text might be different, should it prove too difficult to incorporate the amendment in the suggested way. Dr. Fancott and Mr. Michell agreed, and the amendment was carried.

It was moved and seconded (Kenniff, Michell) and unanimously RESOLVED:

R89-66 *THAT, in accordance with the Rules and Procedures for Evaluation Committees and Advisory Search Committees (BG-84-4-D10 Rev.) approved in May 1984, and since the present incumbent intends to seek reappointment, an Evaluation Committee be struck for the position of Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science, with the following composition:*

- 1 *The Vice-Rector, Academic (Chair);*
- 1 *Member of the Board of Governors, a representative of the community at large or alumni, recommended by the Nominating Committee;*
- 1 *Academic Dean from another Faculty recommended by the other academic deans;*
- 4 *Faculty members from the Faculty of Arts and Science, one of whom will be a part-time faculty member, recommended by the faculty members of Arts and Science Faculty Council;*
- 2 *Members of the academic community (exclusive of the faculty members from the Faculty of Arts and Science), one of whom may be a professional librarian, recommended by the faculty members of Senate;*
- 2 *Undergraduate students from the Faculty of Arts and Science recommended by the undergraduate student members of Arts and Science Faculty Council;*
- 1 *Graduate student from the Faculty of Arts and Science recommended by the graduate student members of Arts and Science Faculty Council;*

1 *Non-Academic staff member from the Faculty of Arts and Science recommended by Human Resources after due election by and from the full-time non-academic staff of the Faculty of Arts and Science.*

13 *The Secretary of Senate shall act as Secretary of the Committee.*

4. Approval of a resolution concerning working drawings and specifications for Phase II of the Downtown Library Building

As Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee, Mr. Knowles outlined the purpose of the resolution which the Committee recommended for the Board's approval. The Board was being asked to approve the said drawings and specifications and to authorize the Vice-Rector, Services to forward them to the D.G.E.R.U., thereby enabling the University to go to tenders for Phase II of the Project, upon approval from the Government.

Mr. Knowles asked that the motion be taken as read, which was agreed to.

It was moved and seconded (Knowles, Donaldson) and unanimously RESOLVED:

R89-67 *WHEREAS Concordia University has prepared working drawings and specifications for Phase II of the construction of a Downtown Library Complex; and*

WHEREAS on 18 January 1989, the Board of Governors unanimously approved a resolution granting its approval for the construction of a minimum of four additional half-stories, covering approximately 7,600 square metres (82, 000 square feet), on the MacKay Street side of the Complex, the whole subject to the Board's approval as to the financial conditions of such construction; and

WHEREAS the drawings and specifications meet the objectives of providing the University with a functional library, of integrating the construction project into the urban environment and of providing the University with a building of which it can be justifiably proud;

WHEREAS it is expedient that la Direction générale de l'enseignement et de la recherche universitaires (D.G.E.R.U.) be in a position to grant its approval to the University to proceed to the tender stage for Phase II, thereby allowing the University to begin construction of Phase II by October 1989.

THAT the Board of Governors approve the drawings and specifications of the Downtown Library Complex for presentation to D. D.G.E.R.U.;

THAT the Board of Governors recommend to the D.G.E. P.U. the approval of said plans and specifications as submitted;

THAT the Board of Governors request that the authorization to proceed to tender call be received as early as possible in order to permit a construction start for Phase II as planned in the Master Schedule; AND

THAT the Board of Governors authorize the Vice-Rector, Services, Dr. Charles Giguère, to forward the submission to the ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur et de la Science.

5. Approval of a draft Deed of Servitude with respect to the Downtown Library Building

Mr. Aune, who was moving the motion, asked that the motion be taken as read. Agreed to.

It was moved and seconded (Aune, Bourgault) and unanimously RESOLVED:

R89-68 *WHEREAS in the course of building Concordia's Downtown Library Complex, it is necessary to install rock anchors at the South end of the library building, under the land of an adjacent property situated at 1426 Bishop Street;*

WHEREAS it is also necessary to put fixed glass blocks or windows on the south wall of the library building at less than six (6) feet from the division line between Concordia's property and the adjacent property, thereby creating an illegal view which must be corrected;

AND

WHEREAS the owner of the said adjacent property situated at 1426 Bishop Street has agreed to grant to Concordia University a real and perpetual servitude whereby Concordia will be given the right to perform the actions mentioned above with respect to the Downtown Library Building.,

THAT Concordia University be authorized to enter into a servitude agreement with Mrs. Sophie Orlando, the owner of the adjacent property, as set out in a draft Deed of Servitude (Document BG-89-6-D47), which is hereby approved; AND

THAT Dr. Patrick Kenniff, the Rector and Vice- Chancellor, be authorized to sign the said Deed of Servitude for and on behalf of Concordia University.

6. Approval of the official version of the Pension Plan text.

Mr. Lawless, Chairman of the Employee Benefits Committee, explained that all the amendments incorporated in the document which had been circulated to the Board members had already been approved by the Board, but that the official version of the text had never been approved as such. The Employee Benefits Committee had approved this final version at its meeting held on June 8, 1989.

It was moved and seconded (Lawless, Michell) and unanimously RESOLVED:

- 489-69 *THAT, on the recommendation of the Employee Benefits Committee, the official version of the Pension Plan for the employees of Concordia University, incorporating all the amendments which have been adopted as of June 8, 1989, as set out in Document BG-89-6-D48, be approved.*

7. Approval of various commemoratives in recognition of various donations to the University.

Dr. Kenniff, who was moving the motion, suggested an amendment to delete the words "land gift opportunities" in the proposed resolution. This was agreed to unanimously.

It was moved and seconded (Kenniff, Knowles) and unanimously RESOLVED:

- R89-70 *THAT on the recommendation of the Stewardship Committee, the various commemoratives in recognition of donations made to the University, as set out in Document BG-89-6-D49, be approved.*

8. Approval of a resolution concerning the official designation of the Department of Journalism.

It was moved and seconded (Fancott, Brodrick) and unanimously RESOLVED:

- R89-77 *THAT on the recommendation of Senate, the resolution concerning the Departmental Designation for Journalism, as set out in Document BG-89-6-D50, be approved, and that the Journalism Program henceforth be recognized officially as the Department of Journalism.*

9. Approval of a new organizational structure for the Institute for Cooperative Education

It was moved and seconded (Kenniff, Friedland) and unanimously RESOLVED:

- R89-72 *THAT, on the recommendation of Senate, the new organizational structure for the Institute for Co-operative Education; as set out in Document BG-89-6-D54 be*

approved; and that the effective date of implementation of the new structure be July 4 1989.

10. Report of the Rector

10.1 The Rector informed the Board that Concordia had just completed five Convocation ceremonies, with a number of approximately 2,500 graduates, and that the Spring Convocation was a great success.

10.2 He also announced that on June 1, 1989, the Minister of Higher Education and Science, Mr. Ryan, had met with the Executive Committee of the Conference of Rectors, and had tabled a proposal with respect to the allotment of 1989-90 operating grant money to Quebec universities. This proposal was not met with great enthusiasm.

On June 14, 1989, Dr. Kenniff and Dr. Cohen met Mr. Ryan at his Montreal office to make representations to the Minister. They expressed their disappointment with the proposal, particularly with respect to the distribution of the \$19M "envelope" for the most underfunded universities.

On June 16, Dr. Kenniff had discussed the issue with the Principal of McGill, David Johnston. In the next few days, both Dr. Kenniff and Dr. Johnston were going to meet the Principal of Bishop's University and the Director of HEC (the other two most underfunded institutions) to agree on a common strategy in dealing with the Government.

10.3 Referring to the recent events in China, Dr. Kenniff stated that the whole university community shared the grief and the concerns of the Chinese students at Concordia. These students were given the opportunity to communicate with relatives and friends in China, at no cost. A request had also been addressed to Mr. Ryan, asking him to waive the differential fees in the case of Chinese students wishing to study longer at Concordia because of the political problems in their country. At any rate, he said, we are monitoring the situation very closely.

11. Report of the Vice-Rectors

11.1 Dr. Cohen said he wished to thank Mr. Aune, Mr. Economides, Mr. D'Alessandro, Mr. Firth, Dr. Kusy, and all the volunteers who were responsible for the successful completion of the Phone-a-thon. The final amounts are not known yet, but already it looks like a great success for a first year. He also acknowledged the contribution of the Laurentian Bank in lending its headquarters. Dr. Cohen specially thanked Mr. Brian Aune for his time and efforts in chairing the Annual Giving campaign.

11.2 Dr. Giguère said he had nothing to report.

12. Request from a graduate student who is contesting the G.S.A. elections

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Ralph Synning and Mr. Dwayne Wurtz. He indicated that the request mentioned above had been already dealt with in connection with the election of the graduate student representative, and he summarized what he had said earlier.

However, since the two students could not be present when this matter was discussed (during the Closed session) Me Gervais gave them speaking rights.

Mr. Synning explained that he and Mr. Wurtz had attempted unsuccessfully to bring the G.S.A. Council to convene a special meeting for the purpose of contesting the elections, exhausting all possible recourses. He added that the G.S.A. was not incorporated; therefore he felt it could come under the Board's authority. Actually, he said, there is a provision in the G.S.A. constitution, enabling any student members to request the assistance of the Board of Governors in resolving disputes that may arise in connection with elections.

Me Gervais said that these were new facts of which the Governors were not aware. In view of this new information, he said, the Rector and himself could look into the matter, talk with the parties involved and try to find an acceptable solution.

15. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 27, 1989, at 8:00 a.m., in the same Room.

The meeting terminated at 9:25 a.m.

Bérendère Gaudet,
Secretary of the Board of Governors